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**MAY SHOW ENTRIES UP OVER LAST YEAR**

A total of 1,516 Western Reserve artists have entered 2,500 works in The Cleveland Museum of Art's 61st annual May Show. Both the number of artists and works entered are up from last year when 1,216 artists entered 2,219 works. Entries increased in about half of the categories with a small drop in graphics, electric, jewelry/metalwork, and pottery/porcelain. The most dramatic increase was in painting with 815 entries this year in contrast to 624 in 1979.

One-hundred more photographs were entered this year than last, and the photography category with 626 entries was the second most popular, following painting. After paintings and photography the next most heavily entered category was graphics with 339 entries, a slight drop from last year's 369 entries. Over-all entries in crafts categories totaled 474 this year compared to 493 last year.

Screening of the slides has been completed with final jurying of the exhibition scheduled for later this month. Of the 2,500 works entered by slide, 641 have been accepted for final jurying. Both the slide screening and final judging are being done by juries consisting of members of the staff of The Cleveland Museum of Art and this year's two outside jurors, Mildred Constantine, a New York consultant in art, architecture, and design, and Robert T. Buck, Jr., director of the Albright-Knox Gallery in Buffalo, New York.

The May Show will open to the public on April 16 and close on May 18.

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